



Weekly Parent Bulletin No 19: Week Commencing Monday 10 February 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

It's been another exciting week at Dene Magna with lots of activities and achievements to celebrate!

Year 11 Taster Day at Gloscol Cinderford Campus

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 11 students visited the Gloscol Cinderford campus for a taster day. The students returned with enthusiasm and excitement after experiencing what the college has to offer. Some of the students tried their hand at building a brick wall in the college's construction department, while others got to explore the modern facilities for hair and beauty.



Callum excelled in the Hospitality and Catering Department producing some amazing work from start to finish. Judtya immersed herself in the Art Department producing



It was a great opportunity to see the facilities we share with Gloscol and a valuable insight into further education.

6th Form Business Breakfast

Mrs Rich, our Careers Advisor ran a business breakfast on Wednesday with representatives from Amazon. The session was really interesting and informative. They spoke about Mechatronic and Automation schemes (Level 3 to degree level) respectively that they are currently on.

Amazon run Apprenticeship programmes in the following sectors:

- ❖ Digital
- ❖ Commercial
- ❖ Finance & Analytics
- ❖ Marketing & Sales
- ❖ Operations & Engineering
- ❖ Creative

If you are interested in an apprenticeship please look on the following website amazonapprenticeships.co.uk/our-programmes.

A big thank you to Steven Dermody, Mandy Krent and Dylan Phillips for their time.

Dene Magna's Career's Fair

Dene Magna will be holding a Career's Fair on Wednesday 26th February 3pm to 5pm at the Forest of Dean Campus Cinderford.

Year 12 Speed Awareness

Our Year 12 students participated in a Speed Awareness session this week. **The South Western Ambulance Service** sent over two Paramedics, Trevor and Charlotte, this Wednesday for a speed awareness talk. The talk highlighted real-life consequences of reckless driving and their first hand experiences of road traffic accidents emphasized how every decision behind the wheel impacts their own safety and safety of others on the road. We hope they've gained a deeper understanding of road safety and the importance of responsible driving.

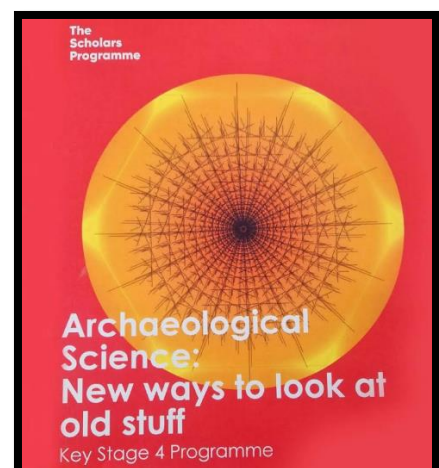


COMING SOON!

After half term Dene Magna will be holding their first ever Science Fair. We are hoping that Forest View Primary and Drybrook Primary will be able to attend. We will be setting a project when we return from the break where year 7 and 8 pupils are expected to work in groups to carry out a science project. They will have two science lessons to perfect their project and then each class will hold their own science fair. The winning group will then present their project at the Dene Magna Science Fair on Tuesday 18th March from 3.30pm until 5pm. Parents are welcome to attend the evening Science Fair and prizes will be awarded to the participants. Get projecting!!!

Scholars Programme

"Last week some of our Year 9 students received their feedback from the Scholars Programme for the work they have completed on Archaeological Science over the last 7 weeks. They all worked really hard and are excited to be graduating at University of Bristol at the end of the month. Congratulations to all involved!"



Year 7 Football Match – Dene Magna vs. Newent School

Our Year 7 football team had an impressive home game against Newent School. The boys have been building their teamwork skills and showing great dedication in training. The final score was 5-0 in our favour—well done to the team! We're excited to watch this group develop over the coming years.



Under 14's Rugby Semi-Final at Cotswold School

On Thursday, our Under 14's rugby team travelled to Cotswold School to compete in the semi-final of the EDF Bowl cup. The boys have been working hard and have become a formidable team this season. Their hard work paid off with a 31-24 victory! This win means we'll be playing in the final on **Wednesday, 5th of March at Kingsholm Stadium** at 4pm. Tickets are expected to be available soon for £5 each, more information to follow once we are made aware. We'd love to see as many of you as possible there to cheer on the team!



U14 Girls Football

The U14 girls had a great time on Wednesday at the Gloucestershire FA County Finals. The girls played amazing in very cold conditions, they drew 3 games, lost one and won one playing "out of their boots" finishing 4th in their group! Well done ladies



Fundraising for Okinawa Exchange Program

All week, students have been able to purchase delicious brownies to help fundraise for our Japanese exchange trip in October. The excitement continued today with Valentine's roses being delivered across the school, adding to the festive spirit of the day, all while supporting this fantastic exchange opportunity.

Also Rosie Bee (aka Rose Wilman) has set herself a challenge of walking 50 miles across France, over the Easter holiday to raise money for her Japan exchange Program. It's part of the Camino way pilgrimage that passes my brother's house in France, so we are using that as our base camp. She is being supported by her cousin Will and best friend Erin, so it should be fun!! She has set up a go fund me page so friends and family can support her! Practice walks will start soon!

She is hoping to raise money for her pot as well as the school fund, via a 'Go Fund Me' page titled "Okinawa island adventure", it can be found at <https://gofund.me/85eb297b> it would mean a lot if you'd be able to share or donate.

Street Dance & Archery Tag

Both Street Dance and Archery Tag have been huge hits with students this week! There are only a few more sessions left after the half-term break, so don't miss out on these fun activities, sign up in Reception.

Year 11 Core Trial Exams

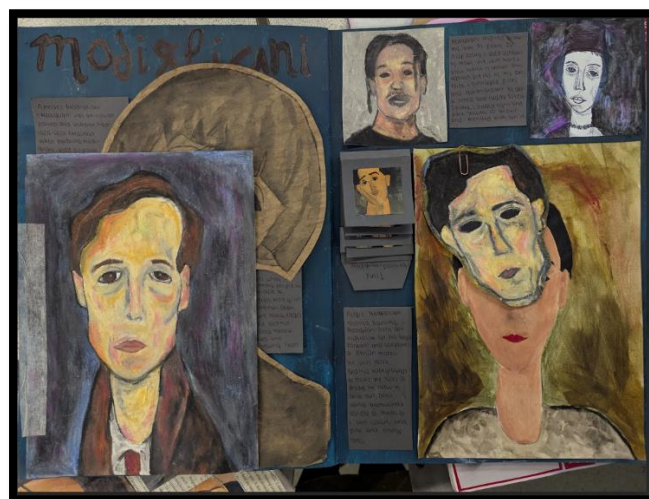
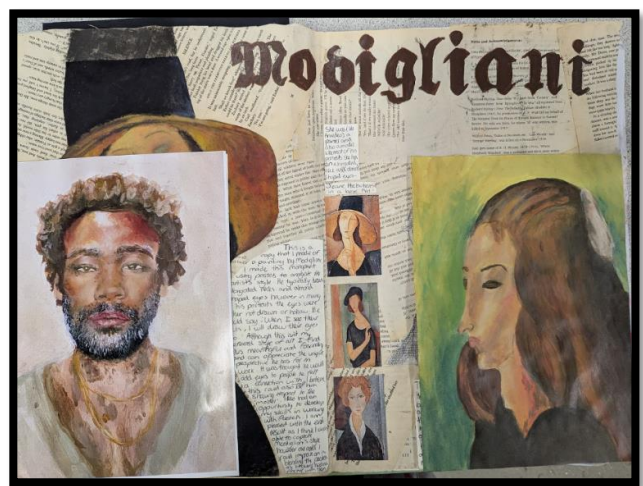
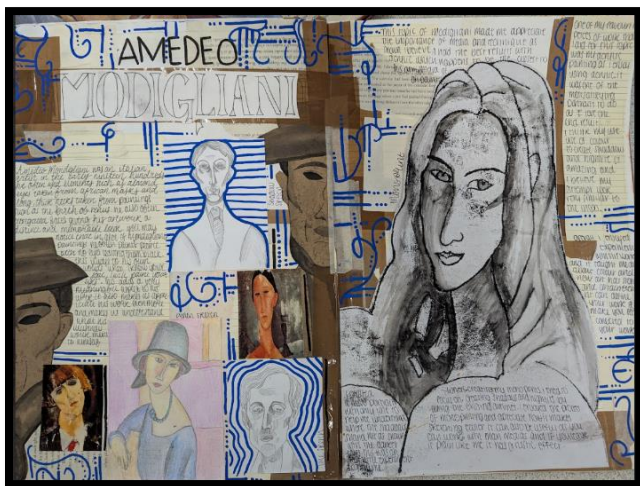
Our Core exams (English, Maths and Science) will run from the afternoon of the 28th February through to the afternoon of 7th March.

During this week, we will also run NFER English and Maths tests (our school has been randomly selected by Ofqual). Those students that again, have been randomly selected by Ofqual, have been informed. Further information is also available on the website.

Students were brilliant for our previous Trial Exams in November. We will use the same system for entering the exam rooms, and again, the same exam regulations will apply. The timetable is on the website, but it will be displayed outside the building along with a seating plan as before.

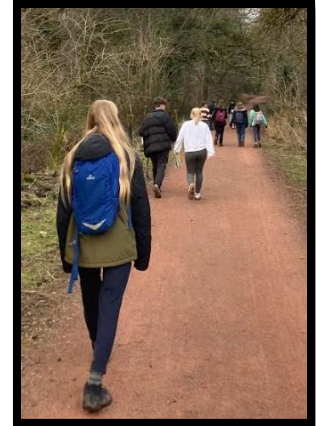
Year 10 Art

Our Year 10 Art students are studying the artist Amedeo Clemente Modigliani who was an Italian painter and sculptor of the École de Paris who worked mainly in France. He is known for portraits in a modern style characterized by a surreal elongation of faces, necks, and figures. Please see a selection of the student's interpretations.



Gold Duke of Edinburgh

A group of our 6th form students participated in a practice walk, guiding Mr Beard around the forest searching for pre-set points using team skills, map skills, compass work and problem solving. We are glad to say that they achieved their challenge and no-one was left in the forest!!



My Child At School' App

Please remember to download your 'My Child At School' app, if you have not done so, as this is where you will find all of your son/daughter's reports and important information

Attendance

We would like to thank you for your continued support with attendance this term, our attendance stands at 93.3% for this academic year to date, which is above the national average of 92% for the same time frame. We would like this to improve over the spring and summer terms.

Appeal For Books For Our World Book Day Book Sale

World Book Day 2025 will take place on Thursday 6th March and as part of our celebrations we hope to have a second-hand book sale on the day. If you are clearing out any books that you think would appeal to our students, we would welcome them! Books can be left for Miss Jones in the library. The sale has become a popular part of WBD here and it is always great to see so many students discovering new books to read and enjoy!

Please have a relaxing half term, thank you for your continued support and Happy Valentine's Day.

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:

- 24.02.25 - New Term Commences
- 24.02.25 - Street Dance 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- 25.02.25 - Archery Tag 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- 26.02.25 - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- 26.02.25 - Careers Fair at Forest Campus for Year 11, 12, & 13 students 14.20pm – 18.00pm
- 26.02.25 - EAPI PE "A" Level Interviews
- 27.02.25 - EAPI PE "A" Level Interviews
- 28.02.25 - Third Payment of £150 for Paris is due.
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- 28.02.25 - Scholars Programme Visit to University of Bristol
- 01.03.25 - Ninth Instalment of £200.00 for Okinawa is due
- 03/03/25 - Year 11 Core Exams Commence
- 03/03/25 - Year 12 Visit to Parliament
- 05/03/25 - Year 11 & 13 Group and Individual Photos
- 05/03/25 - EDF Boys Rugby Final @ Kingsholm, Gloucester – Kick Off 4pm
- 06/03/25 - Year 10 Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm